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of the

Medical Officer of Health

and of the

Public Health Inspector

for the year 1963

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(As at 31st December 1963)

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To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Members of the Leominster Borough Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year 1963, together with the report of the Public Health Inspector.

I would like to thank Mr. Smith for his excellent report, and to draw members' attention to his very full section on housing conditions and slum clearance.

G.D.K. NEEDHAM

Medical Officer of Health

STATISTICS AND VITAL STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	8,728
Estimated mid-year home population	6,530
Average number of persons per acre	0.7
Number of inhabited houses	2,258
Average number of inhabited houses per acre	0.26
Average number of persons per house	3.0
Rateable Value	£202,829
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£820

LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS

Live Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	51	44	95
Illegitimate	2	3	5
	53	47	100

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

Comparability factor: 1.07	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
Leominster Borough (Crude)	15.3	17.3	13.9	15.0	18.0
" " (Adjusted)	16.4	17.0	13.6	14.7	17.6
England and Wales	18.2	18.0	17.4	17.1	16.5

Illegitimate Live Births

Per cent of total live births:

Leominster Borough .. 5.0
England and Wales .. figure not yet available

Still Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	1	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	-	1	1

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births:

	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
Leominster Borough	9.9	9.0	32.6	31.2	34.7
England and Wales	17.3	18.1	19.1	19.8	21.0

INFANT DEATH RATES

Early Neonatal Mortality

Deaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Early Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Leominster Borough .. 10.0
England and Wales .. *

Neonatal Mortality

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Leominster Borough .. 10.0
England and Wales .. *

Perinatal Mortality

Still Births and Deaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Leominster Borough .. 19.8
England and Wales .. *

Infant Mortality

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 related live births:

		1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
Leominster Borough	Total	10.0	Nil	Nil	43.0	27.0
	Legitimate	10.5	Nil	Nil	44.9	19.0
	Illegitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	166.6
England & Wales	Total	20.9	21.7	21.6	21.9	22.2
	Legitimate	*	21.3	21.2	21.5	21.9
	Illegitimate	*	27.2	25.3	26.4	27.4

* figures not yet available

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Total number of Maternal Deaths .. 1

Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Leominster Borough .. 9.9
England and Wales .. *

DEATHS

	Males	Females	Total
Total number of deaths from all causes:	47	55	102

Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

Comparability factor: 0.79	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
Leominster Borough (Crude)	15.3	15.1	11.0	13.2	14.3
" " (Adjusted)	12.0	10.6	8.2	10.3	11.6
England and Wales	12.2	11.9	12.0	11.5	11.6

Cancer

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Malignant Disease:	8	10	18

Cancer Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
Leominster Borough	2.75	2.49	2.04	1.29	2.11
England and Wales	*	2.18	2.15	2.16	2.14

Cardio-Vascular Disease

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Cardio-Vascular Disease:	20	35	55

Cardio-Vascular Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
Leominster Borough	8.42	9.49	5.64	7.23	7.45
England and Wales	*	6.14	6.10	6.00	5.88

Respiratory Disease (excluding Tuberculosis)

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Respiratory Disease:	13	2	15

Respiratory Disease Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
Leominster Borough	2.30	1.87	1.41	1.61	2.76
England and Wales	*	1.57	1.60	1.26	1.53

* figure not yet available

CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)

Disease	Males	Females	Total
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	1	1	2
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	2	2
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	6	5	11
Diabetes	-	1	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	5	11	16
Coronary disease, angina	8	6	14
Other heart disease	6	12	18
Other circulatory disease	1	6	7
Pneumonia	5	2	7
Bronchitis	8	-	8
Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	-	1	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	-	1
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	1	1
Congenital malformations	1	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	3	5
Motor vehicle accidents	1	1	2
All other accidents	-	1	1
Suicide	1	-	1
TOTAL:	47	55	102

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN THE BOROUGH OF LEOMINSTER DURING THE YEAR 1963

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apl.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Measles	2	-	1	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	8
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis:													
Pulmonary	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN NORTH HEREFORDSHIRE DURING THE YEAR 1963

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apl.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Whooping Cough	-	-	5	-	6	6	4	2	2	1	3	-	29
Measles	18	17	122	94	27	74	72	49	15	2	2	15	507
Scarlet Fever	-	1	2	3	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	3	12
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	3
Acute Encephalitis:													
Infective	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2
Post-Infectious	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Acute Pneumonia	2	2	3	-	1	-	-	3	-	1	-	1	13
Dysentery	-	-	-	1	1	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	7
Food Poisoning	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	7
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis:													
Pulmonary	2	-	2	1	-	-	2	-	1	1	-	-	9
Non-Pulmonary	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEARS

Borough of Leominster

Disease	1963	1962	1961	1960	1959
Whooping Cough	-	1	50	-	1
Measles	8	154	35	133	8
Scarlet Fever	1	1	-	4	2
Erysipelas	-	-	-	1	-
Acute Encephalitis:					
Infective	-	-	-	1	-
Acute Pneumonia	-	1	3	-	10
Dysentery	1	-	2	43	-
Food Poisoning	2	1	1	5	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	2	2	5	1	3
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	1	-	-

North Herefordshire

Whooping Cough	29	13	126	70	38
Measles	507	337	583	189	388
Scarlet Fever	12	9	11	23	46
Erysipelas	3	5	3	4	4
Acute Encephalitis:					
Infective	2	2	1	3	-
Post-Infectious	1	2	-	1	-
Acute Pneumonia	13	15	18	18	33
Dysentery	7	1	62	123	3
Food Poisoning	7	5	11	39	3
Paratyphoid Fever	2	1	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	1	-	-
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	9	7	9	7	13
Non-Pulmonary	1	2	2	3	2
Malaria (Contracted abroad)	-	1	-	-	-

COMPARATIVE CASE RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Disease	North Herefordshire	England & Wales
Whooping Cough	0.79	0.74
Measles	13.92	12.76
Scarlet Fever	0.33	0.37
Erysipelas	0.08	0.03
Acute Encephalitis:		
Infective	0.05	0.003
Post-Infectious	0.03	0.004
Acute Pneumonia	0.35	0.30
Dysentery	0.19	0.67
Food Poisoning	0.19	0.12
Paratyphoid Fever	0.05	0.007
Tuberculosis:		
Pulmonary	0.25	0.35
Non-Pulmonary	0.03	0.05
* Puerperal Pyrexia	1.65	7.44

* per 1,000 total live and still births.

TUBERCULOSIS

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
Number on Register at 31st December, 1962.	30	17	1	3
New cases notified	1	2	-	-
Moved into district	1	-	-	-
Recovered	1	-	-	-
Died from other causes	-	-	-	1
Number on Register at 31st December, 1963.	31	19	1	2

Year	New Notifications	Total cases on Register	Deaths	Recoveries
1959	3	64	1	4
1960	1	54	1	6
1961	5	53	1	6
1962	1	51	-	3
1963	3	53	-	-

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1946, Section 47
NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

No action needed to be taken under this section during the year.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S SECTION OF REPORT

WATER

Piped Supplies (Public Water Mains)

The supply of piped water to that portion of the Council's area which is provided with water mains is through the Herefordshire Water Board. The Herefordshire Water Board was constituted by Order of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in 1959.

Administration and control of the Council's water undertaking passed to the Herefordshire Water Board in April, 1960.

(1) The piped water supply of the area and of its several parts has been fully satisfactory in quality and fully satisfactory in quantity.

(2) Bacteriological Examination

(a) Water After Chlorination - 44 samples taken (all free of organisms of faecal origin)

Number of samples taken from taps at consumers' premises 44

Number of samples taken from Water-works Pumping Station .. .. .. -

(b) No samples of raw water were taken prior to chlorination.

(3) No plumbo-solvent action - hard water.

(4) Action taken in respect of any form of contamination - immediate re-sampling.

(5) Chemical Examination - Nil.

(6) Number of dwelling houses, flats, etc., supplied from Public Water Mains:-

(a) Direct to houses, flats, etc. 2,125

(b) By means of standpipes 10

Of 433 occupied houses in the Out-Parish, about 310 houses are supplied with piped chlorinated water.

The approximate number of houses replying on spring or well water is as follows:-

Borough .. 2

Out-Parish .. 123

WATER (Continued)

Remarks

The following Out-Parish areas are not provided with mains piped water supplies:-

Brierley, Stagbatch, Aulden and Wintercott, Stretford and Hennor, Elms Green, Wharton and Marlbrook.

Water Samples taken and submitted for analysis

(a) Piped supplies (House taps, Waterworks well)	44
(b) Wells, boreholes, springs and brooks ..	22
(c) Open air Swimming Bath	23

Note - (a) 44 samples satisfactory
(b) 10 samples satisfactory, 12 samples unsatisfactory.
(c) 18 samples satisfactory, 5 samples unsatisfactory.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The Borough's first sewage disposal works was brought into operation during the year 1963.

(1) The Council's area is only partly sewered, mainly for the following reason:-

Unsewered properties are economically incapable of being connected to a sewerage system.

(2) 85% of the properties in the Council's area are drained to the Council's sewerage system.

(3) No sewage from other areas is received into the Council's sewers or direct into the Council's sewage disposal works.

(4) The effluent from the sewage disposal works is discharged into the River Arrow. Storm water discharges to various water courses.

(5) No parts of the Council's area are drained to sewers or sewage disposal works of another authority, joint board or committee.

Drainage Works at Old Premises

New drains laid	15
Cleansed, trapped or ventilated	32
Inspection chambers built	8
Septic tanks built	6
Additional closets, renewals or conversions	22
Baths installed	19
Washbasins installed	18

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL (Continued)

Borough Proper - Drainage of old premises to the sewer is in the main poor, consisting usually of unjointed pipes, devoid of inspection chambers or ventilation shafts.

Out-Parish - Houses, where no sewer available, are drained to septic tanks or other place.

Approximate number of occupied houses drained to sewer:-

Borough Proper	1,808
Out-Parish	147

Number of occupied houses not drained to sewer:-

Borough proper	19
Out-Parish	286

Cesspool Emptying

The Council do not undertake to empty cesspools.

Approximate number of cesspools in area:-

Borough Proper	10
Out-Parish	208

RIVERS AND STREAMS

A small amount of flooding occurred on the 7th March 1963, affecting approximately 60 houses.

In the main, as mentioned in previous years' reports, houses in the low lying areas of the Borough are old and of low standard, prejudicial to health and of a type which should be demolished and replaced with dry houses on suitable sites.

The number of sub-standard houses still standing in the flood line, and upon which Clearance Orders have been made, is 51. Of these houses 32 are still occupied.

Eight houses in the flood line have been demolished during the year.

The River Wye Board's Leominster Flood Alleviation Scheme commenced during the year, and much good work has been accomplished.

TENTS AND CARAVANS

Camping does not exist on a large scale.

One site licensed.

REFUSE COLLECTION, REMOVAL, DISPOSAL AND TREATMENT

(1) Collection - Borough Proper

Vehicular collection once per week.

Out-Parish

Vehicular collection weekly or fortnightly according to locality.

Dustbins renewed	47
(2) Disposal of refuse	Tipping
(3) Treatment against rodents	Periodical baiting and poisoning.

The Council undertake collection of refuse from all reasonably accessible properties in the Council's area.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The Public Abattoir, Sewage Ditch, and Refuse Tip, received periodic treatment.

Dwelling-houses, Farms, Business Premises and Local Authority Premises:

Number treated against rats ..	62
Number treated against mice ..	-

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Number on Register (excluding Building Sites)	93
Number of Inspections	73
Number of written notices served	5
Cases in which defects were found	5

HOUSING

Administrative procedure pertaining to groups of insanitary houses or "slums" recommended as Clearance Areas has, during the year 1963, been an improvement on previous years, but there is still much that is worth-while to achieve for families living under demoralising conditions. Nevertheless, progress, though not rapid, is encouraging. A discouraging financial aspect, or embarrassment, which is now acting as a deterrent to the rapid eradication of insanitary houses situate in Confirmed Clearance Areas is the wide gap which now exists between the rateable values and rentals of the aged, worn out, insanitary houses lacking reasonable amenities, and the rentals and rateable values of new Council houses built and intended as displacements.

HOUSING (Continued)

In a rural area such as Leominster the difference in weekly rent/rates payable for a newly constructed Council house as distinct from rent/rates paid for an insanitary house situate in a Confirmed Clearance Area can be as much as £2 or more per week, and, as a consequence of this disparity, families now living under inconvenient and unhealthy conditions fail to exercise their rights to replacement Council houses and continue to stay under outmoded conditions.

The passage of time with consequent increased building costs is not likely to provide an alleviation, but rather to exacerbate the problem. A differential renting system seems a necessity if "slums" are not to be perpetuated.

During the year Clearance Orders relating to the undernoted properties were confirmed by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

Clearance Order Number	Schedule
65	The three dwelling houses known as 10, Corn Square, and Nos. 1, and 2, Grange Walk.
66	The nine dwelling houses known as 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, and 27, Cranes Lane.
67	The four dwelling houses known as 38, 40, 42, and 44, Bargates.
68	The three dwelling houses known as 9, 11, and 13, Ryelands Road.
69	The five dwelling houses known as 48, 48a, 50, 52, and 54, Bridge Street.
70	The three dwelling houses known as 15, 17, and 19, Mill Street.
71	The three dwelling houses known as 21, 23, and 25, Mill Street.
72	The three dwelling houses known as 73, 75, and 77, Bridge Street.
74	The four dwelling houses known as 4a, 6, 8, and 8a, Bridge Street.

HOUSING (Continued)

Post War Clearance Areas

The following houses resolved by the local authority as Clearance Areas are still standing:-

Area No.	Premises	No. of Houses
50	69,71,73,75,77,79,81,83, Bargates 5,6,7, Westfield Walk	11
52	3,5,7,9,11,13,15,17, North Road	8
53	4,5,6, Strangward's Court	3
56	51, and 53, Mill Street	2
59	57, and 59, Etnam Street	2
60	117, and 119, Etnam Street	2
62	9, and 10, Gateway Lane	2
63	2,4,6,8,10, Bargates	5
65	1,2, Grange Walk, 10, Corn Square	3
66	11,13,15,17,19,21,23,25,27, Cranes Lane	9
67	38,40,42,44, Bargates	4
68	9,11,13, Ryelands Road	3
69	48,48a,50,52,54, Bridge Street	5
70	15,17,19, Mill Street	3
71	21,23,25, Mill Street	3
72	73,75,77, Bridge Street	3
73	33,35,37,39, Mill Street	4
74	4a,6,8,8a, Bridge Street	4
75	122,124, South Street	2
76	17,19, Ryelands Road	2
	Total:	80

Pre-War Clearance Areas

The following 25 houses Confirmed for Clearance in the years 1938 and 1939 are still standing:-

52,54, Etnam Street (1938)
109,111,113,115,117, Bridge Street (1939)
85,87,89,91,93, Bridge Street and 1, Lowes Court (1939)
59,61,63,65,65a,67, Bridge Street (1939)
30, Vicarage Street (1938)
1/2, Rose Tree Cottages, Ebnal (1939)
1,2, Bedford Cottages, Ebnal (1939)
1,3, Bridge Street (1939)

Housing Statistics

(1) Total number of Clearance Area houses demolished:-

Pre-War 1939	..	60
Post-War 1945	..	134
		194

Note: The number of houses demolished during the years 1956 to 1963 inclusive is:- 93
Houses demolished in year 1963:- 8

HOUSING (Continued)

Housing Statistics (Continued)

(2) Individual Unfit houses demolished voluntarily and under Housing Acts 1937 and 1957:-

Pre-War 1939	..	16
Post-War 1945	..	33
		49

Note: Individual Unfit houses demolished in 1963:- 3
The number of individual unfit houses cleared or closed during the years 1956 to 1963 is as follows:-

Demolished	..	17
Closed	..	10
		27

(3) Estimated number of Unfit Houses in Council's area:- 230 (NOTE - this figure can increase as general standard rises or legislation amended)

Note: Of this figure of 230 unfit houses action has already been taken as follows:-

(a) Houses under Clearance Orders	..	105
(b) Individual Unfit houses subject to undertakings or closure	.. ..	22
		127

Estimated for future clearance or closure under Part II or PartIII of Housing Act, 1957 .. .. 100-plus

Approximate number of houses with fixed baths 1,822

Approximate number of houses without fixed baths 438

Percentage without fixed baths 19.4%

The provision of internal hot water systems and washbasins in old rented houses is negligible.

Closet Accommodation

Approximate number of houses with water closets 2,170

Approximate number of dwellings which do not have water closets 90

With the exception of 4 houses (three of which have been condemned and due to be demolished) all the houses in the Borough Proper have closets on the water carriage system. Closet accommodation provided for old rented houses is in general of the bleak "back-yard" type, frozen up at times, unhappily positioned, and in many cases not readily accessible or with suitable approach.

HOUSING (Continued)

Closet Accommodation (Continued)

In the Out-Parish area which is unsewered, closets for old rented houses are mainly of the chemical or pail type. The number of privies is negligible 2

Approximate number of houses with pail or chemical closets 90

Many desirable amenities could be featured in some old rented houses of reasonable standard or owner-occupied houses if the persons concerned availed themselves of the money they can get as a right.

There are two kinds of grants available for modernising older houses, namely:-

(1) The (1959) Standard Grant under which house owners and certain leaseholders can obtain, as a right, half the cost, up to a maximum of £155, of installing five basic improvements, - a bath, or shower, a wash-hand basin, a water closet, a hot water system, and a food store.

(2) The Discretionary Grant under which up to half the estimated cost of more extensive improvements may be paid, at the discretion of the local authority, subject to a maximum grant of £400.

Both kinds of grants are available to owner-occupiers and to owners of rented houses.

Number of Standard Grants approved during the year 3

Number of Discretionary Grants approved during the year 3

Number of New Houses Completed during the Year

(a) Total 153

(b) With State Assistance under Housing Acts:

(1) By Local Authority 17

(2) By other bodies or persons .. .. -

(c) Without State Assistance:

(1) By other bodies or persons

(i) Borough 110

(ii) Out-Parish 26

HOUSING (Continued)

Statistics relating to Council Houses, Flats, and Bungalows

The number of dwellings owned by the Council is as follows:

Built pre 1939	208
Built from 1st April, 1945 to 31st December, 1963	398
Conversion of 1 premise to 6 flats (1958) ..	6
Old houses acquired and standing at 31st December, 1963 (9 occupied, 10 void)	19
Total ..	631

Types and Number of Council Dwellings

Houses Built

(a) Permanent prefabricated Airey Type	28
(b) Permanent prefabicated Cornish Unit ..	24
(c) Traditional brick	496

Bungalows Built

(a) 10 year type - temporary prefabricated ..	20
(b) Traditional brick (aged persons one bedroom type)	25

Flats Built

Traditional brick	13

Conversions

Newman House to 6 flats	6
Old Houses Acquired	19
Total ..	631

The number of Council dwellings constructed and occupied during the year 1963 is 17, namely:

Hawthorne Place ..	8
Falconer Place ..	9

NOTE: The scheme of 25 aged persons' bungalows and one Warden's flat built during 1962 provides welfare services, e.g. Warden Service, communal room, laundry, call bell service, etc. A highly commendable scheme, worthy of repetition and particularly appropriate to an "aged population" area, such as Leominster. Suitable sites in the sewered area of the Borough, reasonably accessible to shops etc., are now extremely few.

HOUSING (Continued)

SCHEDULE OF DWELLINGS ETC. CONSTRUCTED BY THE COUNCIL

SITES	Built Pre-1939	Built from 1st April, 1945 to 31st December, 1962			Built in 1963		
	HOUSES	HOUSES	BUNG-ALOWS	FLATS	HOUSES	BUNG-ALOWS	FLATS
Caswell Estate	90	-	-	-	-	-	-
Worcester Road	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gateway Lane	100	88	20	12	-	-	-
Westfield Estate	-	179	-	-	-	-	-
Cranes Lane	6	2	-	-	-	-	-
Kenwater Close	-	30	-	-	-	-	-
Lugg Way	-	8	-	-	-	-	-
Rainbow Street	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hengrave Green	-	12	-	-	-	-	-
Eaton Close	-	-	25	1	-	-	-
Falconer Place	-	-	-	-	9	-	-
Hawthorne Place	-	4	-	-	8	-	-
Total Constructed	208	323	45	13	17	-	-
Premise converted to flats (1958)	-	-	-	6	-	-	-
Total constructed and converted	208	323	45	19	17	-	-

HOUSING (Continued)

OLD HOUSES ACQUIRED BY THE COUNCIL AND STILL STANDING AT 31st DECEMBER, 1963, made up as follows:

22, Dishley Street	1
Library House	1
97, Etnam Street	1
1, Jenkins Buildings	1
Worcester Road	1
2,4,6, Bargates	3
5,6,7, Westfield Walk	3
69 to 83, Bargates	8
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Houses in Multiple Occupation

There are no registered common loding-houses in the Leominster district.

Houses in multiple occupation .. 8

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Number and type of food premises

Type of Premises	Number
(a) GROCERS (including sale of fruit, fish, game, vegetables, and pre-packed ice-cream)	35
(b) SWEETS AND SUGAR CONFECTIONERY (including sale of pre-packed ice-cream)	10
(c) RESTAURANTS AND CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS (including fish and chip fryers, sale of pre-packed ice-cream)	12
(d) LICENSED PREMISES (Hotels, Inns and Clubs) ..	32
(e) BAKERS AND CONFECTIONERS	7
(f) BUTCHERS	8
(g) SCHOOL MEAL KITCHENS	4
(h) CORN STORES and SHOPS	8
(i) POULTERERS	3
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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD (Continued)

Number of Food Premises, by Type
Registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955

(j) SALE OF PRE-PACKED ICE-CREAM

Grocers	18
Restaurants and Catering Establishments ..	11
Sweets and Sugar Confectionery .. .. .. (including Mobile)	8
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(k) PREPARATION OR MANUFACTURE OF SAUSAGES, POTTED, PRESSED, PICKLED OR PRESERVED FOOD

Butchers	5
Bakers and Confectioners	2
Fish Fryers	2
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Ice-Cream

There are no ice-cream manufacturing premises in operation in the district. All retail premises have electric continuous freezers and retail pre-packed ice-cream only.

Sampling

Sampling for bacteriological analysis is carried out from time to time.

Number of samples falling into Grade 1 (Satisfactory)	5
Number of samples falling into Grade 2 (Satisfactory)	3
Total samples analysed	8

Food Premises - Inspection, Supervision and Comment

Apart from the Poultry Plucking Factory erected in 1961, there are no food factories in the area other than retail shops, bakehouses, restaurants and hotel kitchens.

Routine inspections are carried out from time to time under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, Food Hygiene Regulations, 1960, and byelaws made under the Food and Drugs Act. Contraventions are followed up by communications and reports to the appropriate Committee when found necessary.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD (Continued)

Milk Supply

(1) Routine inspection of dairies.

(2) Collection of samples of milk for analysis.

(a) Examination for bacterial cleanliness and heat treatment.

Milk Samples Taken

Pasteurised milk	12
Sterilized milk	2
Untreated milk	1

All samples of milk taken during the year conformed to standards laid down.

Number of dairies registered under Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949, (excluding farm dairies)	2
Number of inspections (including farm dairies and milk shops)	10

CLEAN AIR ACT

The adoption of byelaws, designed to ensure that all houses erected in future be provided with grates or other fire appliances capable of burning smokeless fuels or of smokeless operations, was approved by the Council in February, 1957.

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATH

(1) Description:	Modern Open Air Swimming Bath (unheated)
(2) Water Supply:	Potable fresh water from Borough main. Bath emptied and re-filled annually.
(3) Treatment:	By high pressure continuous filtration plant and chemical treatment (Chlorine and ammonia gases).
(4) Water Changes:	Water circulated continuously through filter while bath in use. Turnover period - 4 hours.
(5) Water Samples:	23 bacteriological samples were taken from bath, of which 19 samples were free of Bact. Coli. and four samples contained Bact. Coli.

ABATTOIR

The abattoir, built in 1877, falls far short of the standards prescribed in the Slaughterhouse (Hygiene) Regulations 1958, Part II, Construction, and Part III, Equipment, and the standards prescribed in Part II of the Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations, 1958.

Method of Meat Inspection

In accordance with the Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963, in so far as is reasonably practicable.

Ante-mortem and Post-mortem Inspections

Inspection of all carcases is carried out daily.

Transport and Carrying of Meat

Vehicles of good standard are provided.

METHOD OF DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED FOOD

(1) Condemned meat and other material from abattoir - after green staining - collection by private buyer.

(2) Other food - incineration or buried.

The undernoted foods were surrendered during the year:

29 tins canned meats
6 tins milk
1 tin jam
1 turkey
5 lb. bacon
31 tins vegetables
3 tins fish
94 tins fruit
132 jars/bottles vegetables.

MEAT INSPECTION

Approximate weight of diseased meat dealt with:

	Condemned
Cattle	284 lb.
Calves	274 lb.
Sheep and Lambs	228 lb.
Pigs	440 lb.

Refrigerated 952 lb. (two heifer carcases)

There are no licensed slaughterhouses in the Borough. Throughout the year arrangements at the Council's abattoir have been conducted by the Leominster Butchers' Abattoir Company. Top quality young animals are bought by butchers and excellent quality meat is retailed within the Borough.

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	533	-	42	1,782	837
Number inspected	533	-	42	1,782	837
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	6	4	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	22	-	1	9	16
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	4.1%	-	16.6%	0.7%	2%
Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	18
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	2.1%
Cysticercosis					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	2	-	-	-	-